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MEMORANDUM

Date: FEBRUARY 9, 2009

TO: Labor Committee

From: Maria Teixeira

RE: HB-6187

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB-6187. Once again, Connecticut employers are being asked to take on the costly burden of providing benefits that are otherwise not a preferential matter of consideration, particularly for our industry.

As a small employer, we provide many benefits and do cover paid time off as part of our earned benefit policy, but we do this as a matter of company policy, not as a matter of law or mandate.

When Connecticut is losing so many jobs and businesses, this legislation only creates more hardship and forces employers to choose which benefits it will continue to offer in order to control costs.

Please, reject HB-6187.